Subject: Re: Binary file with different DATA_TYPES Posted by David Fanning on Tue, 17 Jan 2006 03:15:07 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

rafaloos@gmail.com writes:

- > Is there a way to open a BINARY file specifying different types of data
- > ?
- > I know that the binary file contains information such as "easting",
- > "northing", "altitude" and four other different fields ...
- > The problem is that the first 3 fields are formated as LONG data ...
- > the 4th field is unsigned integer ... the 5th is a string and 6th and
- > 7th fields double.
- > I tried with READ_BINARY but it only allows me to specify one
- > "DATA_TYPE" ... If I try with long the first 3 fields work fine but not
- > the other ones ...
- > What should I do?

I would try creating a template of the data that is in your file with BINARY_TEMPLATE. Then pass that template to READ_BINARY. The only tricky thing is knowing how many bytes your string is.

Cheers.

David

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